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Letter dated 25 July 1995 from the Chargés d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Missions of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a joint statement issued after the meeting held in Zenica on 21 July 1995 between H.E. Mr. Alija Izetbegovic, President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and H.E. Mr. Süleyman Demirel, President of the Republic of Turkey.

We would be grateful if you could have this statement circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 28 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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Annex

Joint statement issued by the President of the Bosnia and Herzegovina and the President of Turkey at Zenica, on 21 July 1995

At the invitation of H.E. Alija Izetbegovic, President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Süleyman Demirel, President of the Republic of Turkey, paid a visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina on 21 July 1995, his third within one year.

The two Presidents, meeting in Zenica, evaluated and assessed the grave situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the light of the recent tragic developments in the United Nations designated safe areas of Srebrenica and Zepa.

President Izetbegovic asked the support of Turkey at the London meeting of the Contact Group for immediate enforcement of air strikes against the continuing aggression against Zepa and other safe areas.

President Demirel expressed his country's solidarity with and support to Bosnia and Herzegovina and reaffirmed the readiness of Turkey to continue extending assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina at this very critical juncture of events. Within this context, President Demirel informed President Izetbegovic that the Turkish Red Crescent was prepared to help the Bosnian Government in accommodating the refugees from Srebrenica and in other parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

H.E. President Izetbegovic expressed the appreciation and gratitude of his country and the Bosnian people for the contribution of Turkey to the peace efforts in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He particularly emphasized the contribution of Turkey, which is carrying out its mandate in an exemplary manner, to the peace-keeping mission under the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR).

The two Presidents also held a one-on-one meeting, where they reaffirmed their mutual desire to strengthen further the bilateral relations between Turkey and Bosnia and Herzegovina and to develop concrete projects to deepen and solidify cooperation between the two countries in all fields.

The two Heads of State also reaffirmed their conviction that the Bosniac-Croat Federation Agreement, which is also open to the participation of the Bosnian Serbs, still represents a solid basis for achieving a lasting solution for Bosnia and Herzegovina. They reiterated that the Federation would secure the unity, territorial integrity and sovereignty of Bosnia and Herzegovina and preserve its ethnic, cultural and religious plurality.